

August 20th, 2025, Minutes

Cass County, North Dakota Historical Society

Board Meeting

Call to Order -Meeting Called to order by President Bill Erickson, 5:30 PM

Roll Call: Brent Haugen, Jen Neuteboom, David Groven, Bill Erickson, Kent Lindemenn, Nicole Rygh, Matt Oye (remote), Brian Geffre, Jocelyn Hovland, Dan Suckerert, and Jonathan Haux. Also in attendance were Beth Jansen, Marc Roberts, and Brad Stedman

Absent: Angela Smith

Agenda Approval – Brian motioned, seconded by Dan, and there was Unanimous approval.

Consent Agenda Approval: Moved by Dan, Seconded by Nicole. Unanimous approval

President's Report

Bill congratulated the Executive Director on the proposed county allocation, reminded everyone that the Pioneer Days are this weekend, and mentioned the board should visit Arthur, as it has been painted and is nearing completion.

Finance Committee

Brad reports that revenue is down and expenses are up, not due to operations spending but due to capital expenses, leaving our operating cash very low. Revenue is down on most lines over last year, but only slightly under budget, as the budget is spread out over 12 months.

Collections Committee

Nothing new to report.

Building and Grounds Committee

David G reported there is an insect activity at Fargo's First House, and we need to get an exterminator out.

Volunteer Committee

Reports that the volunteer meal will be held in Sept or October this year to avoid severe weather.

Safety and Accessibility Committee

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall completion: Interior painting is complete, and trim work has begun. Beth reports the estimated amount still to be paid out for Arthur is \$80,0000, which does not include the sewer line as that project will be addressed by the match.

Match Status: Beth updated progress.

New Business

Genealogical society requests a reduced rate on rent to digitize Bonanzaville archival items. - Beth explained the need for digitalization of these items and the staff's inability to do so with all the other projects currently in progress.

Jonathan motioned: 50% off the annual rent for the Red River Valley Genealogical Society in 2016 in exchange for digitizing organizational archival items. Reevaluation and negotiation continue after that year.

2025 Budget deficits/operating funds: As reported in the financial report, we are coming in under last year at this time for revenue and over for expenses, causing an operating cash problem. Beth and Brad will meet before September's meeting to determine what we can expect to pull from a reserve account to complete the year.

Barn: Kent, Johnathan, and David proposed adding an old barn to the village. Some discussion ensued, and they were tasked with determining the cost.

Adjourned: 6:20 pm. Move to adjourn, Dan. Seconded: Jonathan. Unanimous Approval.
